

Evening Telegraph

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"JOHN."

I stand behind his desk and chair,
My soft hands rest upon his hair—
Hair whose silver is dearer to me
Than all the gold of earth could be;
And my eyes of brown
Look tenderly down
On John, my John.

The firelight leaps, and laughs, and warms—
Wraps me in its warm, bright arms—
John, my love sits in the warmth glow red.
Me, with my hands on his dear old head—
Embracing us both,

Like a ring of truth,
Me and my John.

His form has lost its early grace,
Wrinkles rest on his kindly face;
His hair is no longer smooth and fair,
For time has left his autograph there;
But a noble prize,

In my loving eyes,

Is John, my John.

"My love," he says, and lifts his hands,
Browned by the sun of other lands,
In tender clasp on my own to lay,
"John, my love, we won our wedding-day!"

I smile, and say "Yes, and Yes!"

And say, "Years and years,
John, my John."

We say no more, the firelight glows,
Both of us muse—on what?—who knows?

My hands drop down into a mute caress,

Each throb of his heart is a silent bless.

With a kiss, I close his eyes,

The heart and the heart!

Of John, my John.

—N. O. Times.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S EXPEDITION.

The Rebel Force in Savannah.

The Rebel force in Savannah is under the command of Lieutenant-General Hardee, with Major-General Dick Taylor, of the Confederate army; Major-General Gustavus W. Smith, of the Georgia Militia, as his subordinates, Major-General McLaw, formerly a division commander in Longstreet's Corps of Lee's army, but relieved because of a difference with Longstreet in the East Tennessee campaign of last year, commands the post of Savannah. Brigadier-General Mercer, of the Confederate army, commands Fort Jackson, the strongest work on the Savannah river, excepting Fort Pulaski. There are not many regular troops in Savannah.

They are mostly militia, every citizen capable of bearing arms having been put in the ranks. Among the troops there are the 1st Georgia Regt., the 47th Georgia Volunteers, the 5th Georgia Volunteers, several regiments of what are called the "Georgia State Line," and two or three brigades of militia. On the 2d instant, after the battle of Honey Hill, on the Charleston Railroad, General Hardee ordered a portion of the Rebel force to march to Savannah, and to show what trifling events sometimes affect human life and destiny for weal or woe.

He is a brigadier-general made out of a colony through the instrumentality of a little boy, but for whom the world would have been changed to stars. Who knows but that the pro-moted colonel may be an embryo Napoleon, destined to be Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, and that but for his promotion to his high rank, he would have been a Trustee. Talk of the cracking of eggs saving an army from capture! That's nothing to the result that may wait upon the telling of what the worn-out preacher said to his congregation, and Mr. Lincoln's appreciation of a happy hit.

ACQUITTAL OF GENERAL R. B. BROWN.

The result of the court-martial in the case of General R. B. Brown, against whom, in connection with his conduct during the late campaign against Price, charges were preferred by General Pleasanton, is officially promulgated. On each charge, and on each specification in detail, the Court found the accused "not guilty," and therefore acquitted him. Major-General Dodge confirms the finding and acquittal, and directs that General Brown be released from arrest, resume his sword, and report to Department Headquarters for orders.

General Brown was arraigned for aiding and abetting in failing to relieve the skirmish line of Colonel Winslow, then in face of the enemy, on December 10, 1864, on motion of Thomas K. Finletter, attorney for the defense, and was sentenced to confinement in the guardhouse for one month, and to the payment of a fine of \$100. The Court also directed that the same be presented to the aid of the Orphans' Fund. The sentence was remitted by the Board of Ordnance, and the fine was remitted by the Board of War. —U. S. M. A. —

THE TRIALS OF THE ARMY.

In order to show the extent of country traversed by General Sherman and to give an idea of the territory he may have to cover with the resources of the State, especially those which are depended upon to feed the Rebel army, we give a list of the counties through which the army marched, and in which it forged and obtained supplies. The number of men, horses, mules, and horses. That these accommodations were very large, is amply proven by General Sherman's despatch, which says his first business will be to get rid of "the surplus negroes, mules, and horses," they being an actual incumbrance to his command.

Population in 1860.

Free Slave Aggregate.

Fulton (Atlanta)..... 11,472 2,955 15,195

Payette (Milledgeville)..... 1,480 3,819 5,699

Pike..... 5,559 4,722 10,078

Dekalb..... 5,900 2,000 7,900

Henry..... 6,187 4,515 10,702

Brown..... 6,367 3,637 9,903

Union..... 6,776 10,172 16,933

Gwinnett..... 10,380 2,651 12,940

Walton..... 6,453 11,074

Newton..... 7,892 6,438 14,329

Jasper..... 3,787 6,952 10,733

Elbert..... 6,569 3,690 10,269

Jones..... 3,118 3,989 9,107

Twiggs..... 3,002 5,318 8,323

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